

1 District Judge James L. Robart
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

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9 SEA SHEPHERD LEGAL,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.
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13 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

14 Defendant.

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16 Case No. C18-1387 JLR

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND
ORDER

17 Plaintiff SEA SHEPHERD LEGAL (“SSL”) filed the above-captioned lawsuit
18 under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) against Defendant U.S. DEPARTMENT
19 OF THE INTERIOR (“DOI”), seeking disclosure of certain documents. The parties
provide this status report pursuant to the Court’s March 25, 2020 order. Dkt. No. 35.

20 In January, DOI produced to SSL the non-exempt documents that had been sent
21 out for consultation to another agency. On April 1, 2020, the parties conferred about
22 issues that SSL identified after reviewing DOI’s record production. As a result, DOI will
23 produce on or before April 17, 2020 eighteen records that had inadvertently not been
24 included in DOI’s previous production. DOI also anticipates producing by that date a
25 *Vaughn* Index for the narrowed production of records agreed upon by the parties last
26 summer.

27 At this time, the parties anticipate that, apart from attorneys’ fees and costs, these
28 are the last substantive issue to be addressed regarding SSL’s FOIA claims.

1 For good cause, the parties respectfully request that they be allowed to submit a
2 joint status report within the next 60 days. If at any time in the next 60 days it becomes
3 apparent that resolution between the parties is not feasible, the parties will submit a joint
4 briefing schedule to the Court.

5 **SO STIPULATED.**

6 Dated this 8th day of April, 2020.

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2020.



JAMES L. ROBART
United States District Judge